

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 have been examined. Claim 14 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, Claims 11, 12 and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), and claims 13 and 19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Also, the Examiner has indicated that claims 1-10 and 16-18 are allowed, and claim 14 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

The Examiner has rejected claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. In particular, the Examiner maintains that it is not clear whether or not the claimed magnetic tape cartridge includes that drawing-out member. Accordingly, Applicant has amended claim 14, and submits that such amendments overcome the rejection.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 11, 12 and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 3,655,145 to Olsen ("Olsen"). However, without prejudice or disclaimer, or admitting to the correctness of the Examiner's rejection, Applicant has canceled claims 11, 12 and 15. Therefore, the rejection of such claims is now moot.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 13 and 19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Olsen. However, without prejudice or disclaimer, or admitting to the correctness of the Examiner's rejection, Applicant has canceled claims 13 and 19. Therefore, the rejection of such claims is now moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

As stated previously, the Examiner has indicated that claims 1-10 and 16-18 are allowed. Further, the Examiner indicated that claim 14 would be allowed if amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. In view of Applicant's amendments to claim 14, Applicant submits that claim 14 is now in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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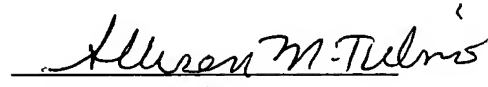
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